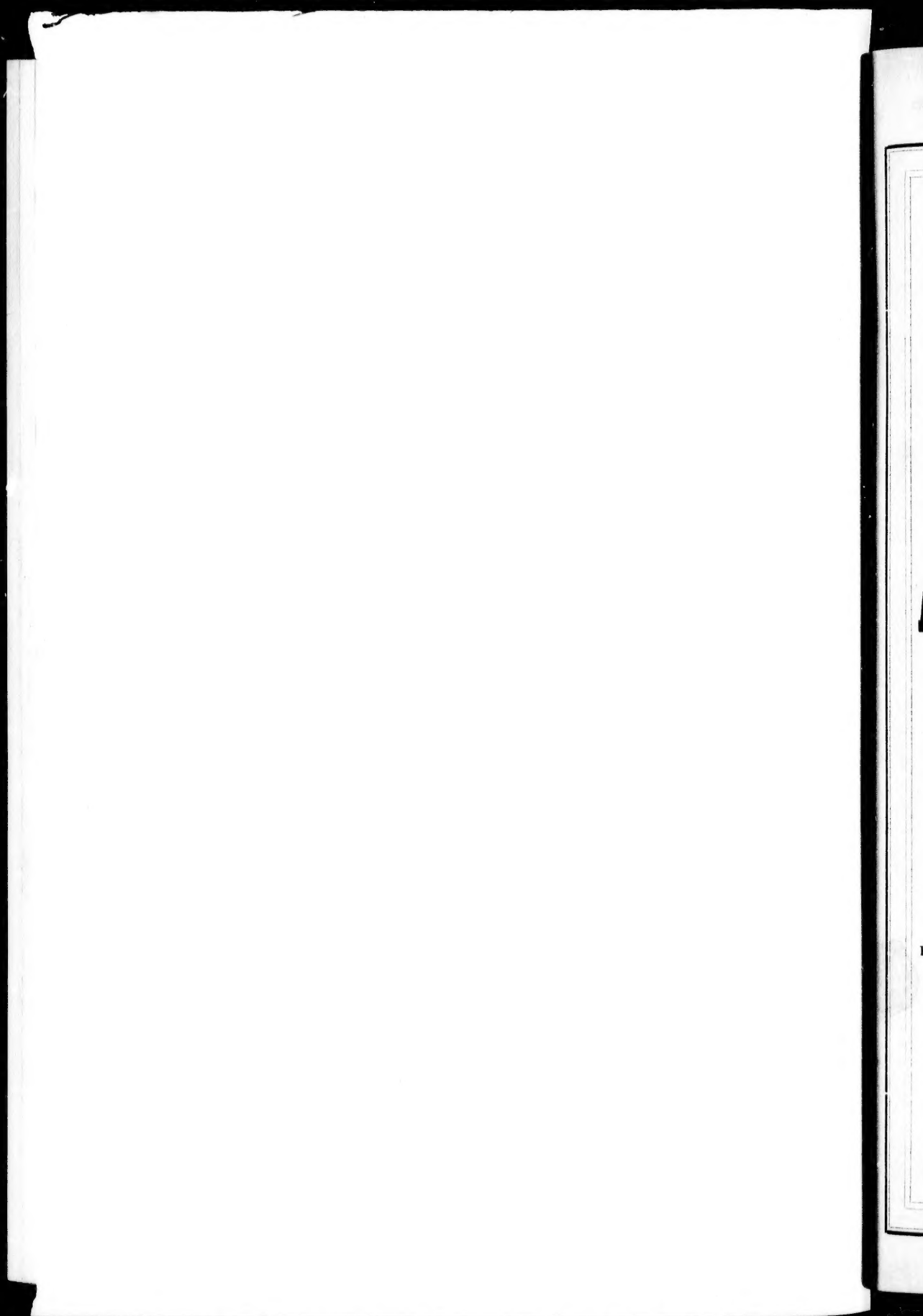




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NOTICE

At page 85 of the Revised Constitution, embodied in the Proceedings 1878 and 1879, on the fifth line for the words "who is six months in arrears of dues," read who is *six quarters in arrears of dues*; the former version being a printer's error.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA, B.C., 5th November, 1880.

Secretary the 10th Nov., 1880.

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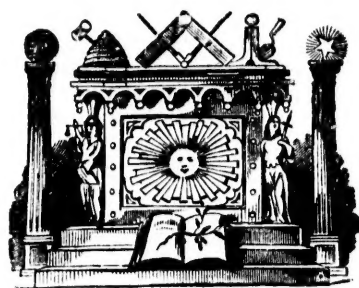
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Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, commenced its Ninth Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, Douglas street, Victoria, B. C., on Saturday the 19th June, A.D. 1880, A.L. 5880, at 2 P. M.

Upon calling the roll there were found to be present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

M. W. Eli Harrison, Sen.....	Grand Master.
R. W. C. M. Chambers.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Henry Brown.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Eli Harison, Jr.....	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. M. W. Waitt.....	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. E. C. Baker.....	“ Secretary.
W. R. B. McMicking.....	“ Senior Deacon.
“ Thos. Shotbolt.....	“ Junior Deacon.
“ Thos. Trounce.....	“ Superintend't of Works.
“ W. T. Livock.....	“ Director of Ceremonies.
“ R. B. Kelly.....	“ Sword Bearer.
“ Robert Beaven.....	“ Pursuivant.
“ John Teague.....	“ Steward.
“ A. R. Milne.....	“ “

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

R. W. Simeon Duck.....	Past Grand Master.
“ Fredrick Williams.....	“ “
“ William Dalby.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. Cornelius Thorne Past Senior Grand Warden.
 " J. J. Southgate " " "
 V. W. H. F. Heisternan Past Grand Secretary.

With the Representatives of six chartered Lodges.

There were also present the Grand Representatives of the M. W. Grand Lodges of Utah, Oregon, Washington Territory, Illinois, Louisiana, New Jersey, Missouri, New York, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Canada, Florida, West Virginia, Zur Sonne Baireuth, (Germany,) Kentucky, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Indian Territory, Wyoming, New South Wales, Nova Scotia and Indiana.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master filled the vacant offices by the following appointments, *pro. tem.*:

Bro. E. C. Neufelder Senior Grand Deacon.
 " R. McLachlan Grand Marshal.
 " P. Glendenning Grand Standard Bearer.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in "ample form" by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of British Columbia, who announced the following

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:

W. Bro. John Teague, W. M. Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
 " Robert Beaven, W. M. Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2.
 " R. B. Kelly, " (proxy) Union Lodge, No. 9.
 V. W. Bro. E. C. Baker, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was thereupon called from labor to refreshment for half an hour, to allow the Committee on Credentials time to examine the same and make their report.

The Grand Lodge being called to labor again, V. W. Bro. Edgar Crow Baker, Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:

VICTORIA, B. C., 19th June, 1880.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA: Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that—

Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, is represented by the W. Master and Junior Warden.

Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, is represented by the W. Master and Senior Warden.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, is represented by Bro. Robert McLachlan, as proxy for Senior Warden.

Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, is represented by Bro. Glendenning, as proxy for Junior Warden.

Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, is fully represented by Bros. C. M. Chambers, Eli Harrison, Jr., and E. C. Nenfelder, proxies for W. M., S. W., and J. W., respectively.

Union Lodge is fully represented by Bro. R. B. Kelly, for W. M., E. C. Baker for S. W., and Henry Brown for Junior Warden.

As further proxies are expected during the afternoon and evening, your Committee would ask to be allowed to complete their report on arrival.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. TEAGUE, W. M., Victoria, No. 1.

ROBERT BEAVEN, W. M., V. and Q., No. 2.

R. B. KELLY, P. M., U., No. 9.

EDGAR CROW BAKER, Grand Secretary.

On motion the Proceedings of the Eight Annual Communication were confirmed as presented in printed form.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then delivered the following annual address:

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, VERY WORSHIPFUL AND WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN:—

It affords me much pleasure to meet you on this, the Ninth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, to consult and devise such means as may be beneficial to the Craft in this Province.

This period of the year—in connection with St. John's Day, in December—has a special signification to us as Masons, for it should remind us of the good works of those worthy patrons of our Order, whose lives and actions are golden pages in Sacred History.

But to us, as Craftsmen, the Summer and Winter solstitial signs have a far greater meaning than the actions of men, for at these periods of the year we have the opportunity of noticing how accurately and precisely the all wise and beneficial Creator controls the movements of the vast universe, causing Winter and Summer with their changing seasons, giving life and health to

his creatures, clothing the mountains and valleys with beauty, and causing the earth to bring forth choice fruits and everything that is good for use and comfort. Therefore let us humbly return thanks to Him for His mercies and manifold blessings, for His goodness endureth for ever.

May we on this occasion be especially blessed with wisdom to devise such means as shall be for the benefit of this ancient and noble Society, in our midst whose object is to study the great laws of the Divine Creator, and humbly endeavor to imitate His loving kindness by dispensing assistance and comfort to the destitute and worthy.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

On July 10th 1879, I commissioned R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Chambers, to visit Mount Hermon Lodge, Burrard Inlet, and Union Lodge, New Westminster, and he was well pleased with the kind and fraternal greeting he received from the Brethren of these Lodges. I have no doubt that the R. W. D. G. M. will give you a full account of these visits in his report.

On July 10th, 1879, I commissioned R. W. P. S. G. Warden Bro. Jonathan Nutt, and R. W. J. G. Warden, Eli Harrison, Jr., to visit Cariboo Lodge; their report is very satisfactory, and I have no doubt you will have the pleasure of hearing the same from the R. W. J. G. Warden.

On 1st January, accompanied by several Grand Lodge Officers, I visited Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, and installed the W. Master elect, Bro. John Teague, who afterwards installed his officers in a most able and impressive manner, which gave the Brethren and myself great pleasure, for it would be difficult to excel the work performed by W. M. Bro. Teague on that occasion.

After the installation the Brethren were invited to partake of refreshments which were served in the happy style in which this old Lodge always entertains and welcomes her guests. The New Year's evening was spent very pleasantly for many of the old associates were brought to mind, and the happy days that had been spent together in this the oldest Lodge in the Province. There was only one thing wanting to fill the cup of happiness, and that was the wives, children and friends of the Brethren.

On January 1st, visited Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2, accompanied by several Grand Lodge Officers, and installed the W. Master and Officers of this prosperous Lodge. There was a good attendance, and as the members take a lively interest in the work of the Lodge, it is a pleasure to spend an evening in this well conducted Lodge, for peace and harmony are truly prominent features of No. 2 Lodge.

The weather being very unsettled until recently, and many of the Brethren in the District of Nanaimo having so far to travel in order to attend their Lodge, I thought it would be better to visit that Lodge later in

the season, when I have no doubt that a number of Grand Lodge Officers can make it convenient to attend.

Desiring that you should be acquainted with the work at Nanaimo, on May 29th, I commissioned two members of the Grand Lodge residing in the District—W. P. G. D. Bro. Bate, and W. P. G. S. Bro. Stewart, to examine into the affairs of the Lodge, and the following is their report.

NANAIMO, B. C., June 15th, 1880.

EDGAR CROW BAKER, Esq., Grand Secretary A. F. and A. M. of British Columbia:

DEAR SIR AND V. W. BROTHER: We have the honor to report for the information of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, that we have, in obedience to your commission, examined into the condition of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

The work, we are pleased to state, was very creditably exemplified, and the Lodge room with its furniture, &c., is kept scrupulously clean and in the best of order.

There is no addition to the membership this year, nor have there been any applications for admission by affiliation.

The funds of the Lodge are in a satisfactory state.

Several calls have been made for assistance by distressed brethren, which have been promptly and cheerfully met.

We beg to remain Dear Sir, and V. W. Brother.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

M. BATE, Past Grand Deacon.

W. STEWART, Past Grand Stewart.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has acknowledged this Grand Lodge, but not with that generous spirit in which other Grand Bodies have welcomed us, nor with the kind and fraternal greeting accorded by our Mother Grand Lodge of England, for you have the old charters which she returned, adorning the walls of your Lodge rooms.

How these mementos refresh our minds, and with what pleasure and satisfaction we look upon them, as tokens of fraternal love from our venerable Mother. She has also paid us the compliment of exchanging Representatives, and I have no doubt that if the Grand Lodge of Scotland knew how much we appreciated these courtesies, she would very soon follow their truly Masonic example. While on this subject I wish to call your attention to several important points in the communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. She claims the right to protect any Lodge or Lodges that may wish to adhere to their allegiance to Her in this jurisdiction; this point there can be no objection to as there are no such Lodges in the Province.

The next subject is one of a more serious nature, and I think there must be some misunderstanding in the printing of the communication, as she claims the right to protect any Lodges which may hereafter choose to

adhere to her in this jurisdiction. If the intention is to charter Lodges in this jurisdiction similar to those that she has chartered in the jurisdiction of Quebec, it is an assumed power which would affect the Craft in general and cannot be tolerated. The practice of such a power in other established jurisdictions would have a tendency to create disorder and bring contempt on this ancient Fraternity. We have seen sufficient in this Province of Masonic work under several Grand Bodies to satisfy us that the principle is wrong, and does not produce that peace and harmony which is the strength and support of all well governed institutions. I should therefore be glad if the next communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland should remove all doubts on that subject.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales has been duly acknowledged, and Grand Representatives exchanged with that Grand Body. I feel confident that the members of this Grand Lodge will be gratified to hear that the Board of General Purposes on carefully examining this subject, have approved of my recommendation at our last communication, and found the Brethren in that part of the globe duly organized and worthy of our support and confidence, and may God be with them and bless them in their work.

COLON AND THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

The news from the Brethren of Cuba is very satisfactory, for the Grand Lodge of Cuba and Colon have exemplified some of those true Masonic virtues which were suggested at our last communication, and have united as one Grand Body under the name of the "United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba," requesting this Grand Lodge to recognize them as such, and exchange Representatives with them. This, I have no doubt, will meet with your approbation.

Our relations with all Grand Lodges are in peace and harmony, and there is no misunderstanding with any Grand Lodge but that of Scotland, which I have no doubt will be satisfactorily explained.

I have recommended the appointment of the following Brethren as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge:

Bro. E. C. Baker,	G. L. of Arkansas.
" Ebenezer Brown,	G. L. of Connecticut.
" R. B. Kelly,	" Delaware.
" J. Teague,	" Georgia.
" W. R. Clarke,	" Iowa.
" A. Mayer,	" Kansas.
" J. Brown,	" Nevada.
" J. S. Thompson,	" Quebec.
" R. Beaven,	" Indiana.

I have also been honored with a commission as Grand Representative for the District of Columbia, and am very much gratified with the honor

conferred on me by the M.:W.: Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, especially as it was an unexpected favor conferred, and a mark of respect to this Grand Lodge.

CHARITY.

How few of those who attend to their duties as Free Masons, apply for assistance among the number of those who obtain relief. I may safely say that three out of every four are not entitled to relief as members, and as a rule have been so derelict in their duties as to deprive them of assistance from any fund belonging to the Order.

Amongst those who have been assisted this year, one had for twenty, another for nine and one for seven years, paid no dues to any Lodge, and some of them had not even visited, but their circumstances were of such a nature that the common ties of humanity demanded our attention.

The amount of private donations that have been given this year are considerably more than could reasonably be expected from so small a number of members. Those relieved were from France, West Indies, New Brunswick and other places. This work and expense falls on a few, and may be truly called a work of fraternal love.

I have been fully impressed with the necessity of calling your attention to the above circumstances, that you may know that there is far more charity dispensed in this manner than from the funds of the Order, and that those who do not take an active part in this work may know that the annual reports do not contain a full account of all the charity dispensed, for there is more relief given by private parties than from all other sources.

Amongst those who have on many occasions helped the distressed, I may mention Bro. Joseph Spratt, and his worthy Commander, Bro. Rudlin, for members of the Craft in this Province have often been under obligations to them for passage and care of the sick while travelling on Bro. Spratt's steamers; and all those who have been brought in contact with Bro. Capt. Rudlin, under these circumstances, speak of him in terms of the highest praise.

Bro. Rithet has on several occasions rendered the Officers and Brethren good services by his advice and assistance, and Bro. Capt. John Irving on several occasions has placed us under obligations; the V.:W.: Grand Secretary, Bro. Baker, and many other Brethren too numerous to mention.

The Irish Relief Fund seems small, from the reason that many of the Brethren had contributed to it before they were called upon by the Order, and it is with pleasure that I can safely say that the Craft in this Province has always been generous to almost a fault in contributing to the needy and distressed when cases have been brought to their notice. Our Masonic tracing board teaches us that charity is one of the Divine attributes, therefore may we continue to practice this virtue in its fullest sense.

Let no Brother be disfellowshipped or suspended for non-payment of dues, without carefully considering all the circumstances connected with the case, for many who appear comfortably provided for, need our sympathy and forbearance, but those who are seen continually indulging in superfluities and needless expense, and refuse to contribute their mite should be reminded of their several duties, and if persisting in such conduct, should be deprived of their privileges and benefits as Masons, and suspended from the Order, that their names may not appear on the roll of the Lodge as a reproach to the true and worthy.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

The steady onward march of time continues to gather into its folds those whose company we have enjoyed with fraternal love and pleasure.

With sorrow the bereaved widow mourns the loss of a loving and worthy husband, the children the loss of an affectionate father, on whom they have depended for their chief support, and the death of a single brother deprives his relatives and friends of his company. This appears strange, and causes some to say in their hearts, "why hath God deprived us of those whom we love?"

But when we contemplate the wonderful works of God and meditate on His loving kindness, we shall behold the wisdom and beauty of all His ways, for should life be prolonged beyond the allotted time, with all its infirmities and troubles, how painful and trying it would be to mankind in general, or if the young and afflicted with disease and imperfect organization, were all permitted by God to live to the age of three score and ten, what toil and sorrow it would entail on the human family.

But as it would require considerable time to do justice to such an important subject, suffice it to say that he who has faithfully performed his duties as a Mason, may look forward with confidence to the time when he shall be called from labor to rest, with a sure and certain opportunity of being able to exclaim, "O death! Where is thy sting?" Therefore in dropping the tear of sympathy for our departed Brethren, there is an immortal principle within us that inspires us with a holy confidence that the Lord of Life is continually with us and though our Brethren have been called from this life they will continue to live in eternity.

The Craft in the Province is united and financially in a prosperous condition, although there has not been many added to our number during the last eight years, I have every reason to believe that we shall soon feel the benefit from the increase of population which is now flowing into the Province in connection with the Public Works and other industries, we may look forward with confidence to a career of prosperity so anxiously looked for; and before our next annual communication, I have no doubt but that there will be two or more new Lodges constituted, as there is already a desire to inaugurate one at Fort Yale or Emory City, also another at New Westminster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Up to the present session there has always been something unsettled at every annual communication since the organization of this Grand Lodge. It is therefore with pleasure and satisfaction that I am able to inform you that the Board of General Purposes, by their care and attention, have been enabled to settle all business entrusted to their care up to the present communication, and although the Vice President of the Board, Brother Trounce, has held that office several years, and is fast approaching his three score and ten, he is invariably found at his post.

The money subscribed some time since, to purchase testimonials to M. W. P. G. M. Powell, and M. W. P. G. M. Duck, has been satisfactorily disposed; of which a fuller account will be given you by the Board of General Purposes.

Brethren, I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by bestowing on me the highest honor in your power, and it is a satisfaction to me that the measures I have suggested for the welfare of the Order, have invariably received your careful attention and approval.

During the time I have had the honor to preside as M. W. Grand Master my desire has been to faithfully perform the duties of that important trust to the best of my ability. But, as I stated at our last communication, I had not the time or means at my disposal to fulfil the duties of this sacred trust to my satisfaction, therefore in placing in your hands again the power with which you have entrusted me for the last two years and a half, I feel confident you will have no difficulty in selecting from among so many worthy and competent Brethren, one to fill this important office with satisfaction to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, and with benefit to the Craft.

Brethren, may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to preside over our Temple, under His protection may we always perform our duties with fervency and zeal.

In conclusion, I feel it my duty to recommend this Grand Lodge to pass a vote of thanks to our V. W. Grand Secretary, for his kindness, liberality and strict attention to business.

Also to take into consideration the reduction of dues to Grand Lodge, and the Fund of Benevolence.

ELI HARRISON,

Grand Master.

On motion the Grand Master's address was referred to a committee of three for comment, whereupon the R. W. Deputy Grand Master appointed the following committee:—

V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, Past Grand Secretary.

W. R. B. Kelly, W. M. (proxy) Union Lodge, No. 9.

“ Bro. E. C. Neufelder, W. M. (proxy) Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master next delivered his first annual address, which on motion was referred to the same committee as that appointed to comment upon the Grand Master's address, for similar purpose.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS, 1879-1880.

TO OUR BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

I have much pleasure in presenting my first annual report. In consequence of the death of my predecessor—Bro. James Gordon Vinter—there was no report from the D. G. M. last year. I had fully intended when installed into the office of Deputy Grand Master, to visit all the Lodges of our jurisdiction, and to use my best endeavors to convince the Brethren of more distant Lodges that, although separated from the Grand Lodge by some hundreds of miles, they had not been forgotten; and I regret now at the close of our Masonic year, that in consequence of my individual duties, I have been unable so far as Cariboo and Nanaimo Lodges are concerned, to carry out my original intentions. With these exceptions I have visited all the Subordinate Lodges, and from the pleasure these visits afforded me, I am convinced that my inability to visit Nanaimo and Cariboo Lodges was a great misfortune to me personally.

On September 23rd, 1879, (having obtained credentials duly authorized by the Grand Master) I paid my first official visit to Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 9. Having been a charter member of this Lodge, and elected W. M. for a third time, it was only natural that I should feel strongly attached thereto, and take a great interest in everything calculated to promote its welfare and secure the happiness of the Brethren, but I had little idea of the pleasure which awaited me, and still less of the cordiality exhibited on my reception, and the great kindness extended to me by the Brethren during my visit. I am glad to say the members of Mount Hermon Lodge, though few in numbers, are strongly attached to the Order, and are ever zealous in maintaining the principles which are the groundwork and cement of the Institution. It is truly gratifying to know that while the Lodge numbers only a few members, they have with that true spirit of Masonic liberality for which the Craft has ever been distinguished, subscribed upwards of two hundred dollars to renovate and improve their Hall. In this they have exhibited rare taste, and certainly deserve great credit for their efforts to make the Hall convenient and comfortable. The improvement was much needed and one, it is hoped, that others prompted by their example, may strive to imitate. There were several important questions in relation to matters of jurisprudence, of which the Brethren were anxious to be informed. Some time was occupied, and our best efforts were devoted to a consideration of these subjects, through which I trust an acceptable and satisfactory result was obtained.

The following day I visited Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminster. Here, too, I was most cordially received; the kindness of the Brethren during my stay with them, together with the great enthusiasm exhibited, and their strong attachment to the principles of the Order rendered my visit one grand and complete ovation.

Here, through the courtesy of Bro. Kelly, W. : M. : , the Officers and Brethren, I had the pleasure of witnessing the work in the Third Degree. The officers exhibited considerable proficiency, and the Brethren proved themselves close observers by taking an active and intelligent part in the proceedings of the evening. The work of this Lodge is performed in a thorough, hearty and Masonic manner, showing great proficiency and a stern adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

I had the pleasure of being present with Grand Lodge at the installation of the officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, and Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, for the present year, as also several times during the year, as an unofficial member of the Order.

COOTE M. CHAMBERS,

Deputy Grand Master.

The V. : W. : . Grand Secretary then submitted his annual report, which, being somewhat exhaustive, on motion certain figures were dispensed with, and the report as a whole was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA :

Your Grand Secretary has the honor to lay before you his annual report on the state of the Craft under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge with as full and particular account as possible, of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each Lodge in the Province.

I may mention by way of preface that the period for which this report refers, is from the 1st November, 1878, to the 28th February, 1880, and embraces a course of events and series of things for sixteen months in lieu of twelve, which, as you are all doubtless aware, has been brought about by the resolution of my predecessor in office at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, and by which sections 24 and 25 of the Constitution were amended by extending the period from November to February, consequent upon the alteration of the season at which our sessions of G. : L. : are now held, so that in the future our Masonic Circuit, so to speak, will be from 1st March to 28th February; and at each regular session of Grand Lodge all necessary information pertaining to Subordinate Lodges will of course be furnished to 28th of February previous.

I shall not attempt in this report to pass an opinion upon the annual work and efficiency of the Lodges in the Province, but confine myself more to the actual business of my office, and leave such reports in the hands of my superiors in office, viz.: M. W. Grand and R. W. Deputy Grand Masters.

The total receipts for Grand Lodge dues from and to the dates already given, are as follows:—

Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1.....	\$128 20
Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2.....	234 75
Ashlar " 3.....	153 50
Cariboo " 4.....	72 50
Mount Hermon " 7.....	71 50
Union " 9.....	104 00
	\$764 45

The total receipts on account of Benevolent Fund for the same period are as follows

Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1	\$120 94
Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2.....	215 75
Mount Hermon " 7.....	56 88
Union " 9.....	102 75
	\$496 32

Making the total receipts \$1,260.77; all of which have been handed over as soon as received to Bro. Grand Treasurer, to whom I must refer you for all information regarding expenditure and the specific amounts still remaining at the credit of Grand Lodge, and Benevolent Fund, respectively, as also such other facts as may prove interesting or beneficial to the Craft, and may be presented by and included among the multifarious duties and peculiar functions of the Audit Committee.

The printed proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges have been duly received during my term of office, and I should indeed be glad if time would permit of my making such remarks by way of short comment as each and all of them certainly deserve.

I have to thank sundry Brethren in all parts of the world for copies of pamphlets and periodicals of a Masonic nature, regularly sent to me; notably the "Craftsman," "Warden," "Freemason," "Voice of Masonry," and others, which, with the proceedings already referred to, will add much valuable reading matter to our present slender library.

It is indeed very good of our Brethren to remember us by these little delicate attentions, to one and all of whom I beg to return my warmest thanks, and trust that the day is in the near future when we may be able to more tangibly reciprocate.

I have received many applications for the current proceedings as well as for the proceedings of former years, and as regards those for 1878-1879, I have most cheerfully and promptly responded to the numerous calls for them in addition to the usual distributions; so much so, that I have exhausted the supply, and have to request unsatisfied Brethren to "take the will for the deed." I am also truly sorry that I am unable to find even a few copies of our proceedings from the foundation to the present time, as I should very much prefer to be able to send them to several of our eminent Brethren than to leave them to conclude by my silence that I either have not got them, or won't take the trouble to send them. However, I trust they will accept the former theory *ad interim*, and possibly some day we may have sufficient time, inclination and money at our disposal to revise and reprint them from the beginning, the same as other Grand Lodges have.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been granted during the sixteen months to the 29th of February, 1880:

8th February, 1879—To Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, for the burial of Bro. J. G. Vinter, of that Lodge, and also Deputy Grand Master.

15th February, 1879—To Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, for the burial of Bro. Andrew Astrico, of that Lodge.

22nd February, 1879—To Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, for the burial of Bro. Felix Neufelder, of that Lodge.

19th April, 1879—To Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, for the purpose of conferring the Second and Third Degrees on Bro. Edward Stanger, in shorter time than is allowed by the Constitution.

2nd August, 1879—To Victoria Columbian Lodge, No. 1, for the burial of Bro. Edward Bramah, of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

15th September, 1879—To Union Lodge, No. 9, for the burial of Bro. C. Moorehouse, of that Lodge. (?)

27th September, 1879—To Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, for the burial of Bro. Geo. W. Cole, of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.

14th December, 1878—To Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, for conferring two Degrees on Walter Ervine, in less than prescribed times, and omitted in the previous year's proceedings.

COMMISSIONS.

On the 10th January, 1879, by order of the M.·W.· Grand Master, commissions were issued to R.·W.· Brother Jonathan Nutt, of Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, and to R.·W.· Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., to act in conjunction,

and pay a visit to Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, on behalf of Grand Lodge. The latter Brother was also authorized to visit any other Lodge possible on his journey.

On the 22nd September, 1879, similar powers were vested in R. W. Bro. C. M. Chambers, D. G. M., with regard to Union and Mount Hermon Lodges. The reports from these eminent Brothers will doubtless be placed before you this session and from which you will be apprized of the state of the Craft on the mainland.

On the 30th May, 1880, letters were sent, under the aforesaid authority, to W. Bros. M. Bate, and W. Stewart, to act in concert with regard to a visitation to Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo, and if the short notice (which the M. W. Grand Master can better explain than myself) does not preclude its possibility, a report from them will also be submitted for your consideration. These reports, added to the comments of the Grand Master on the state of the Lodges in this city as noticed by him at the official visitations in January of the current year, will make the report on the "state of the Craft," replete with information.

In the following returns one fact must be borne in mind, viz.: That Grand Lodge meets in June, and that the returns are only made up to 29th February:—

FOR

NAME AND LOCATION OF LODGE.		FOR	
Victoria Columbia, No. 1, Victoria City.			
Vancouver Quadra, No.2, Victoria City.			
Ashlar, No. 3, Nanaimo.			
Cariboo, No. 4, Barkerville.			
Mount Hermon, No. 7, Moodyville.			
Union, No. 9, New Westminster.			
Total number dealt with.			
Rate Grand Lodge charges each.			
Total Grand Lodge dues.			
Remarks.			

*EXPLANATORY.—\$588.95 dues for membership is obtained as follows:

201 members, 16 months @ \$1.50 per year.....	\$402 00	See Reports.
94 " 15 " (No. 2 Lodge) @ \$1.50 per year, 176 25	176 25	
9 " various (No. 1 Lodge) " " 8 20	8 20	
2 " " (No. 4. Lodge) " " 2 50	2 50	
\$588 95		

N.B.—In some reports members admitted during the term, and also those leaving, are returned for the number of months of actual membership.

SUMMARY.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	City or Town.	Annual Dues.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Diplomas.	Dispensations of Degrees.	Affiliations.	Totals.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Victoria Columbia, 1	Victoria...	114 20	3	3	2	4	...	2 00	128 20
Vancouver Quadra, 2	Victoria...	176 25	8	7	8	16	15	4 50	234 75
Ashlar, 3.....	Nanaimo..	132 00	2	3	3	6	...	7 50	153 50
Cariboo, 4.....	Barkerville	58 50	2	3	3	6	...	...	72 50
Mount Hermon, 7.	Moodyville	38 00	3	4	4	6	15	1 50	71 50
Union, 9.....	New Westr	70 00	6	5	5	10	...	8 00	104 00
		588 95	24	25	25	48	30	23 50	\$764 45

RECAPITULATION.

Chartered Lodges.....	6
Whole number initiated in all Lodges.....	24
" " passed " ".....	25
" " raised " ".....	25
" " affiliated from without the jurisdiction.....	19
" " " " within " ".....	9
" " demitted.....	13
" " died.....	7
" " suspended.....	14
" " reinstated.....	2
" " rejected.....	6
" " diplomas issued.....	24
" " dispensations for Degrees.....	2
" " " " burials.....	6
Total number of members on the roll.....	306
Increase of membership over last year.....	11
Total receipts account Grand Lodge, from all sources.....	\$764 45

WS:

See
Reports.

also those

Totals.

128 20
234 75
153 50
72 50
71 50
104 00
764 45

6
24
25
25
19
9
13
7
14
2
6
24
2
6
306
11
764 45

DEATHS.

8th February, 1879, Bro. J. G. Vinter, Lodge No. 2
15th " " " A. Astrico, " "
22nd " " " F. Neufelder, " "
2nd August, " " E. Bramah, St. John's No. 17, Canada,
15th September, 1879, Bro. C. Moorehouse, Union, No. 9
27th " " " Geo. W. Cole, Mount Hermon, No. 7

REPORT ON THE RECEIPTS OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND
TO 29TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 1.

1879.
May 31, To 53 members @ 75 cts. 1/2 year... \$39 75
" 5 " various " 2 75
" 2 raisings @ \$5... 10 00
" 2 affiliations @ \$2... 4 00
" 3 demitted...
" 3 suspended...
Nov. 30, " 54 members @ 75 cts. 1/2 year... 40 50
" 6 " various " 2 75
" 1 demitted...
" 1 died...
1880.
Feb. 29, " 55 members @ 37 1/2 cts. three months... 20 63
" 6 " various " " 56
—————\$120 94

VANCOUVER QUADRA LODGE, NO. 2.

1879.
May 31, To 88 members @ 75 cts. 1/2 year . . . \$66 00
" 4 raisings @ \$5... 20 00
" 1 affiliation. 2 00
" 1 demitted...
" 3 died...
Nov. 30, " 94 members @ 75 cts. 1/2 year... 70 50
" 4 raisings @ \$5... 20 00
" 1 affiliation... 2 00
" 2 demitted...
1880.
Feb. 29, " 94 members @ 37 1/2 cts. three months... 35 25
—————\$215 75

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, NO. 7.

1879.
May 30, To 19 members @ 75 cts. 1/2 year... 14 25
" 3 raisings @ \$5... 15 00
" 1 affiliation. 2 00
Nov. 30, " 18 members @ 75 cts. 1/2 year... 13 50
" 1 died...
—————

1880.		
Feb. 29,	" 19 members @ 37½ cts. three months.....	7 13
	" 1 raising.....	5 00
		————\$56 88

UNION LODGE, NO. 9.

1879.		
April 30,	To 29 members @ 75 cts. ½ year.....	21 75
	" 2 raisings @ \$5.....	10 00
	" 1 affiliation.....	2 00
	" 4 demitted	
Nov. 1,	" 30 members @ 75 cts. ½ year... ..	22 50
	" 1 raising.....	5 00
	" 4 affiliations @ \$2 each.	8 00
1880.		
Feb. 29,	" 35 members four months, @ 50 cts.....	17 50
	" 2 raisings @ \$5.....	10 00
	" 3 affiliations @ \$2.....	6 00
	" 1 demitted	
		————\$102 75

Total of Benevolent Fund, 16 months, to 29th February, 1880.\$496 32

From the foregoing figures it will appear that the Fund has increased some \$50, as compared with last year. This, of course, is in a measure accounted for by the fact that the accounts cover a period of fifteen in lieu of twelve months, and partly to the addition of eleven more Masons being on the roll of the Grand Lodge; against which it is noticeable that one Lodge has withdrawn from it, or the Fund for the period quoted would possibly be \$600. I may mention that on the 2nd March, 1878, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, at Nanaimo withdrew from the Fund, and on the 1st December, 1879, I also regret to state, that Union Lodge No. 9, New Westminster, has pursued the same course.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Adverting to last year's proceedings under this heading, out of the eight recommendations by the M.·W.·G.·M.·., of certain Brethren, for appointments as Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this, only two have received their commissions, to my knowledge, viz.: Kentucky and Germany, leaving Wyoming, Vermont, Idaho, Indian Territory, Missouri and California still without their commissions. During my term of office this fraternal exchange of relations has been sought with nearly every Grand Lodge in the States, and with what success those efforts have been attended Schedule E will inform you. Suffice it to say that acting under the authority of the Grand Master, I have issued commissions to ten jurisdictions, viz.—Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Nevada, New South Wales, and Quebec—the only ones received so far being from Arkansas, District of Columbia, Quebec and Iowa. Daily I am receiving nominations from the different Grand Bodies, prefaced by letters under the hand of their courteous Secretaries, of the most cordial and friendly description, and in all probability ere the close of the year 1880, we shall enjoy fraternal relations with every known Grand Lodge.

LIST OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

GRAND LODGE.	FROM.	TO.
Alabama.....	A. A. Green	J. H. Beasley.
Arkansas	E. C. Baker	J. B. Bond.
California	Mark Bate	W. T. Reynolds.
Connecticut.....	Ebenezer Brown.. ..	Nelson G. Hinckley.
Colorado	H. L. Jones	F. C. Young.
Columbia, Dist. of.....	Eli Harrison, Sr.....	John Lockie.
Canada	William Dalby	F. R. Despard.
Dakota .....	.....	.....
Delaware... ..	R. B. Kelly	Chas. C. Heisler.
England	J. F. McCreight.....	J. B. Moncton.
Egypt.....	.....	.....
Florida	W. T. Livock	L. W. Bethel.
Georgia	E. C. Baker.....	Calvin Fay.
Idaho.....	W. Stewart	Thomas Dickson.
Iowa	W. R. Clarke	Watson E. Webster.
Illinois	Simeon Duck	L. L. Munn.
Indian Territory.....	Thos. Shotbolt.....	.....
Indiana	Robert Beaven.....	J. P. Glossburner.
Ireland .....	.....	.....
Kansas	A. Mayer	Levi P. Mason.
Kentucky.....	T. Trounce .....	.....
Louisiana	F. W. Williams.....	Amos Kent.
Maine .....	.....	.....
Maryland .....	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	.....	.....

LIST OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.— CONTINUED.

GRAND LODGE.	FROM.	TO.
Michigan.....		
Minnesota.....		
Mississippi.....		
Missouri.....	R. B. McMicking.	
Montana.....		
Manitoba.....	Eli Harrison, Jr.....	Archibald McNee.
Nebraska.....	R. P. Rithet.....	Wm. Adair.
Nevada.....	James Brown.....	Chas. W. Friend.
New Hampshire.....		
New Jersey.....	Eli Harrison, Sr.....	Jos. H. Hough.
New York.....	J. J. Southgate.....	John Phillips.
New Brunswick.....	C. M. Chambers.....	J. F. Gillespie.
New Mexico.....		
North Carolina.....		
Nova Scotia.....	C. Thorne.....	J. N. S. Marshall.
New South Wales.....	E. C. Baker.....	J. F. Burns.
Ohio.....		
Oregon.....	H. F. Heisterman.....	W. W. Francis.
Pennsylvania.....		
Prince Edward's Island.....		
Quebec.....	J. S. Thompson.....	Dickson Anderson.
Rhode Island.....	John Teague.....	Isaac Lawrence.
South Carolina.....		
Scotland.....		
Tennessee.....	Geo. Frye.....	Geo. L. Blackie.
Texas.....		

LIST OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—CONCLUDED.

GRAND LODGE.	FROM.	TO.
Utah.....	H. F. Heisterman.....	George C. Douglas.
Vermont.....		
Virginia.....		
West Virginia.....	Eli Harrison, Sr.....	R. B. Rees.
Washington Territory.....	M. W. Waitt.....	T. F. McElroy.
Wyoming.....	Henry Brown.....	
Wisconsin.....	Jonathan Nutt.....	Homer S. Goss.
Zur Sonne Baireuth....	H. F. Heisterman.....	F. Puchta.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

New South Wales.—The subject of recognition of this Grand Lodge, with the varied and copious correspondence, was placed before you at our last Session, and referred back to the Board of General Purposes for necessary action. On the 29th of September, 1879, I wrote to the Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge, asking for certain particulars regarding its formation, and on the 6th of April, 1880, said Grand Lodge was officially recognized by the Board on behalf of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction; full details of the resolution will be embodied in the report of the Board of General Purposes.

Colon and Island of Cuba.—The correspondence in connection with this much vexed question will be laid before you at this Session, and I am pleased to state that the long existing differences between the Grand Lodge of Colon and that of Havana, in the Island of Cuba, have been amicably settled, and the much to be desired union of the two has been happily effected by the formation of the Grand Lodge of "Colon and the Island of Cuba." It now only remains for us to officially recognize said Grand Lodge in keeping with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, which will be presented to you, and to extend to that Grand Body the usual fraternal courtesies.

CORRESPONDENCE

Both to and from this Grand Lodge will be placed before you for the year commencing June, 1879, and ending June, 1880. So much of it only will be read and discussed as the Brethren may deem necessary and prudent in the time at our disposal.

MASONIC CHARITIES.

In July, 1879, the sum of \$38 was subscribed by a few of the Brethren in aid of Bro. John Ferguson, who was formerly a member of Keith Lodge, Nova Scotia, to enable him to proceed to San Francisco for medical treatment. He has since died from cancer in the tongue, at Seattle, Washington Territory.

In August, 1879, the sum of \$112 was subscribed by the Brethren in Victoria and Esquimalt, in aid of the widow and six children of Bro. Edward Bramah, who was at the time of his death, a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, under the jurisdiction of Canada, and in good standing in said Lodge. I am reluctantly compelled to state that notwithstanding a further expenditure of \$65 for funeral expenses borne by the Victoria Lodges jointly, and several letters having been written to the Lodge of which deceased was a member, up to the present moment they have evinced (i.e. members of St. John's Lodge, No. 17,) an apathy and indifference seldom met with among Freemasons.

Famine in Ireland.—In addition to the sum of \$214.50 handed to the committee who canvassed this City by the Masons in our vicinity the sum of \$138.50 has been subscribed by the following Lodges: Victoria Columbia, No. 1, \$41; Cariboo, No. 4, \$30; Vancouver Quadra, No 2, \$20.50; Mount Hermon, No. 7, \$47. A cheque or draft for £27 14s. has been sent to the Grand Secretary of Ireland, and acknowledged in suitable terms. Fuller particulars as to these matters will be found in Appendix or Schedule F to this Report.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

A statement of revenue and expenditure will be forthcoming on the 2nd July, as also the usual sheet showing dividend account or apportionment of interest; the same will appear as one of the Appendices of our Annual Proceedings and be printed with them. In the meantime I may state that the funds to the credit of this account in Savings Bank amount to \$473, to which will be added \$56 for this month's rent and the accrued Savings Bank interest, besides \$2.50 which I have in hand. This will give about 4½ per cent. interest; the fact that the stores are still unoccupied and the expenses incident to the bursting of water pipes and other expenditure as shown in Schedule G, will account for the low rate.

The properties of Grand Lodge consist principally of shares in the building, which the Treasurer's Report should explain.

In conclusion, I must crave the forbearance of my Brethren for not giving a more extensive report, upon the plea that the time at my disposal is inadequate to the time necessary to be devoted to systematizing and carrying on Grand Lodge work. How far I have succeeded in performing the task which falls to the portion of a Grand Secretary during the year, in that allotted time, is for you alone to judge. All of which is humbly submitted.

EDGAR CROW BAKER, Grand Secretary.

Victoria, B. C., 19th June, 1880.

The V. V. W. Grand Treasurer then submitted his annual report, which, upon motion, was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, IN ACCOUNT WITH M. W. WAITT, GRAND TREASURER:—

DR:

WAITT, GRAND TREASURER:—

1879.

CR.

June 20—	Amount on hand.....	\$659 00
" 28—	Cash from Bro. Secretary...	7 50
" "	" interest.....	1 20
March 11—	Cash received from Sec....	338 88
" 16—	" " " ".....	11 00
April 8—	" " " ".....	177 25
May 20—	" " " ".....	450 50
June 8—	" " " ".....	29 50
" 12—	" " " ".....	4 50
" 16—	" " " ".....	249 14

1879.

June 27—	By Grand Tyler, sundry bills	\$16 50
" 28—	" M. W. Waitt, stationery..	7 50
July 2—	" Eli Harrison, Jr., on account of salary	20 00
" 25—	" D. W. Higgins, printing Masonic sermon.....	6 00
" "	" Standard do	4 00
Aug. 11—	" Relief to the widow of a Bro. of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, G. R. C.....	10 00
" 19—	" Eli Harrison, Jr., balance of salary.....	55 00
Sept. 6—	" McMillan & Son, printing Proceedings.....	240 00
" 11—	" Relief to the widow of a Bro. of Lodge No. 2, B.C.R.	50 00
Oct. 6—	" Bro. Secretary sundry expenses.....	25 00
" "	" Relief to a Bro. of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7	50 00
" 13—	" J. E. McMillan & Son.....	6 00
" "	" Stewart & Braden.....	13 62
Dec. 5—	" M. W. Waitt & Co.....	10 62
" 24—	" Bro. Grand Secretary, salary $\frac{1}{2}$ year	75 00
" "	" Charity to a transient Bro.	10 00
Feb. 3—	" " ".....	10 00
" 4—	" R. T. Williams.....	6 00
April 7—	" Welch, Rithet & Co. insurance.....	10 00
May 6—	" C. C. McKenzie, on account Victoria Lodge.....	42 00
" 15—	" J. E. McMillan & Son.....	5 00
" 29—	" D. W. Higgins, printing circulars.....	9 10
" "	" Bro. Secretary, postage etc.	5 00
" "	" M. W. Waitt, Dec. 13th....	6 50
" "	" J. E. McMillan & Son.....	8 00
By balance on hand.....		1,228 13

\$1,928 47

Total.....\$1,928 47

RECAPITULATION.

Amount on hand June, 1879.....	\$ 659 00
Amount collected to June, 1880,.....	1,269 47

\$1,928 47

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURE.

Amount paid for salaries.....	\$ 150 00
" " Charity	172 00
" " Proceedings and circulars	278 10
" " Insurance	10 00

Amount paid for Stationery	\$ 24 62
“ “ Postage and sundries	65 62
	\$700 34

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. WAITT,
Grand Treasurer.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes was next read, and on motion, considered clause by clause. This course having been pursued the report as a whole was finally adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

VICTORIA, B. C., June, 1880.

TO THE M. W. G. L. OF A. F. & A. M. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Board of General Purposes submit their Annual Report for 1879-1880, as follows:—

1. There have been six sessions of the Board during the past year, viz.: on the 28th June, 1879; 5th September, 1879; 6th April, 1880; 27th April, 1880; 17th and 19th June, 1880.

2. At the first meeting of the Board W. Bro. Trounce was unanimously re-elected Vice President of the Board.

3. The following Committees were appointed:

Bro. Thos. Trounce,	}	Foreign Correspondence.
“ H. F. Heisterman,		
“ W. T. Livock.		
“ Henry Brown,	}	Printing.
“ Thos. Shotbolt.		
“ Robert Beaven.		
“ C. M. Chambers,	}	Grievances.
“ Eli Harrison, Jr.,		
“ R. B. McMicking.		

It being generally understood that Bro. Edgar C. Baker act as Secretary to each of said Committees.

4. There have been no appeals from the action of a subordinate Lodge as to expulsion of members.

5. The subject of the claims for recognition made by the G. L. of Colon and the Island of Cuba have been under consideration. The whole of the correspondence will be laid before you, and from which it is pleasur-

able to notice that the long existing difficulties have been amicably settled by the formation of the "United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba." It now only remains to officially recognize this properly constituted Grand Body and extend to the Masons of that jurisdiction the customary fraternal courtesies. Your Board does therefore recommend that this course be pursued.

6. It is a matter of regret that the two commodious stores forming part of the Masonic Temple still remain unoccupied; with this exception the hopes of the Board have been fully realized. A statement of revenue and expenditure, as also the usual apportionment of interest on shares in said building, will be made up to the 30th June, and the amounts paid on the 2nd July. These statements will appear in the printed proceedings for the year at the close of this session.

7. The proceedings of our last regular communication and emergency meetings of G. L. were revised by a Committee and embodied with the proceedings of 1878. Copies of same have been liberally supplied to the various Lodges, to the numerous Grand Lodges, and to many of the Brethren in different parts of the globe.

8. There have been no vacancies on the Board either from change of residence or by death; both of which are matters of congratulation from many points of view.

9. Certain differences of opinion arose between the Master and Wardens of Union Lodge, No. 9, and the Trustees of the Masonic Cemetery at New Westminster, which were referred to the Board. The appointments of said Trustees were rescinded and instructions given to hand over everything in connection with said trust to the Master and Wardens of Union Lodge in keeping with the rules and regulations of said trust. The Board has since been informed that everything has been satisfactorily transferred with the exception of the deed of conveyance of the property which has been mislaid by some, at present, unaccountable means.

10. The correspondence in reference to the organization of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales has already been placed before you, and in keeping with the powers vested in the Board, have now the great gratification to inform you that in April last under resolution of the Board said Grand Lodge was officially recognized and the usual courtesies extended.

11. Certain correspondence from the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be laid before you, partly requesting this G. L. to withhold its recognition of the G. L. of New South Wales, and partly as touching the official recognition of our own Grand Lodge. The latter matter we have deemed it prudent to receive the views of Grand Lodge upon, and then act accordingly.

12. That out of the subscriptions raised in the Province for the sufferers from the effects of the famine in Ireland, the sum of \$353 was donated by

our Brethren in different parts of the Island and Mainland, viz.: \$138.50 from four of the Lodges in response to the suggestion of the Grand Master, and \$214.50 from among other Masons in our midst. Correspondence on this subject will also be laid before you.

13. The monies subscribed by the Brethren for the purchase of jewels for Past Grand Masters Powell and Duck have been expended in the purchase and presentation of neat and appropriate testimonials to the wives of these eminent Brethren, with suitable inscriptions on each. The replies to said testimonials have been received.

14. A statement of monies to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence will be presented, and notwithstanding the numerous calls it will be seen that the Fund is steadily increasing. Certain exceptional expenditures have taken place which the Board desires the Grand Lodge to sanction. It would appear to be a matter of regret that Nanaimo Lodge (Ashlar No. 3) and also Union No. 9, have withdrawn from it.

15. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence will present, during this session, a digest of the proceedings of sister jurisdictions and a brief report on such matters as may be gleaned from the past year's correspondence as may be likely to prove interesting.

16. The Board recommends that inasmuch as the funds of the Benevolent Fund and those of Grand Lodge are in a fairly flourishing condition, while those of the subordinate Lodges have been, and still are, somewhat impoverished, it would be advisable to reduce the Grand Lodge dues for membership from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per capita per annum, and to \$1 for Benevolent Fund, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

17. It having been shown that Vancouver and Quadra Lodge has paid the sum of \$226.96 on account of tower and organ gallery, the Board, by resolution, recommend that Grand Lodge transfer to that Lodge 11 shares in the Building Fund.

THOS. TROUNCE.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,

Chairman.

Grand Secretary.

On motion, votes of thanks were accorded to the Committees on Finance, the Grand Master's address, Foreign Correspondence, Board of General Purposes, Credentials, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, for their very able and exhaustive reports.

The Grand Lodge was then (6 P. M.) called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 P. M., sharp.

IN GRAND LODGE—EVENING SESSION.

Saturday, 19th June, 7:30.

The Grand Lodge being called from refreshment to labor, the M.:W.: Eli Harrison, Grand Master presiding, V.:W.: Bro. Grand Secretary on behalf of the Committee on Credentials further reported:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Beg to further report that Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, is now fully represented, and that Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, has been augmented by Bro. Geo. Rudlin, proxy for the Junior Warden.

JNO. TEAGUE, W.:M.: Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

ROBERT BEAVEN, W.:M.: Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2.

R. B. KELLY, P.:M.: Union Lodge, No. 9.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

The report from the Audit or Finance Committee was then read and on motion ordered to be filed.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg leave to make the following report:—

That they have carefully examined the books, accounts and several vouchers of those Grand Officers, and have great pleasure in certifying to the correctness of the same, and desire to express that the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary are kept in the most exemplary manner.

The balance on hand at last audit.....	\$ 659 00
Receipts during the period (16 months).....	772 15
Total	<u>\$1,431 15</u>
Expenditure as per vouchers.....	700 34
Balance,.....	<u>\$ 731 81</u>

The receipts of the Benevolent and Widows' and Orphans' Fund were as follows:—

Receipts during the year and on hand.....\$ 496 32
 Expended in charity during the year.....162 00

Total.....\$ 658 32

Total amount in Treasurer's hand at date.....\$1,228 13

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
 THOS. SHOTBOLT,
 R. B. McMICKING. } Finance Committee.

EDGAR CROW BAKER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE M.W.G.L. OF
 BRITISH COLUMBIA.

DR.		CR.
1880.		1880.
March 4	To Cariboo Lodge G. L. L. dues	\$ 57 00
“	“ Mount Hermon G. L. L. “	71 50
“	“ “ Ben. Fund	56 88
“	“ Ashlar Lodge G. L. L. dues	153 50
15	“ Cariboo Lodge “ “	11 00
April 7	“ Union Lodge “ “	75 00
“	“ “ Ben. Fund	102 25
May 20	“ Van. Quadra G. L. L. dues	234 75
“	“ “ Ben. Fund	215 75
June 8	“ Union Lodge G. L. L. dues	29 00
“	“ “ Ben. Fund	50
June 12	“ Cariboo Lodge G. L. L. dues	4 50
15	“ Vic. Col. Lodge “ “	84 00
16	“ “ “ “ “	44 20
	Ben. Fund	120 94
	\$1,263 77	
March 4	By G. L. Treas. voucher No. 1	\$ 57 00
“	“ “ “ “ “	2 128 38
11	“ “ “ “ “	3 153 50
16	“ “ “ “ “	4 11 00
April 8	“ “ “ “ “	5 177 25
May 20	“ “ “ “ “	6 450 50
June 8	“ “ “ “ “	7 29 50
12	“ “ “ “ “	8 4 50
16	“ “ “ “ “	9 249 14

Just and true.

Victoria, B.C.,
 19th June, 1880.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
 Grand Secretary.

APPORTIONMENT OF INTEREST OR MASONIC DIVIDEND
 ACCOUNT TO 30TH JUNE, 1880.

Dividend account.....	Dr. to \$535 45	
Grand Lodge.....To 30th June.....		\$185 05
Victoria Columbia, “.....		62 47
Vancouver and Quadra, “.....		22 31
Royal Arch Chapter, “.....		13 39
Robert Beaven, “.....		10 71
E. C. Neufelder, “.....		4 46
Robert Laing, “.....		4 46
G. Bossi, “.....		4 46
William Arthur, “.....		4 46
Frederick Williams, “.....		4 46
M. G. Brown, “.....		4 46
John Ramsay, “.....		4 46
Carried forward.....		\$225 15

Brought forward		\$225 15
James Isbister, To 30th June		4 46
Peter Oasterhout,		4 46
R. P. Rithet,		4 46
W. T. Livock,		8 92
A. C. Couves,		4 46
John Teague,		4 46
P. Manetta,		89
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EDGAR CROW BAKER,

Secretary to Trustees.

Victoria, B.C., 2nd July, 1880.

MASONIC BUILDING TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH MASONIC
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July, to rent acct., collections for month	\$55 00	Oct. 28, by Insurance acct., \$500 Impl.	\$50 25
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		to 31st March.....	27 35
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ELI HARRISON, Sr.,
THOS. TROUNCE,
ELI HARRISON, Jr., } Trustees.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
Secretary to Trustees.

Victoria, B. C., 2nd July, 1880.

The Grand Secretary next read a letter from V. V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman as chairman of committee on foreign correspondence regretting that a slight accident would prevent him from attending Grand Lodge this evening, and enclosing the report of the committee on foreign correspondence, which was also read by the Grand Secretary and on motion was received and filed.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following proceedings of the several Grand Lodges mentioned hereunder:—

Alabama, held on Dec. 1, 1879.	Montana, held on Oct. 7, 1879.
Canada, held on July 1, 1879.	Nevada, held on June 10, 11, 12, 1879.
Colorado, held on Sept. 16-17, 1879.	New Brunswick, held on May 20,
Columbia Dist. of, held Jan. 9, 1878.	1878, and April 30, 1879.
Connecticut, held on Oct. 23, 1879.	New Hampshire, held on Dec. 27,
Dakota, held on June 10, 1879.	1878, and May 21, 1879.
Florida, held on Jan. 21, 1879.	New Jersey, held on Jan. 22, 1879,
Idaho, held on June 22, 1878.	and Sept. 11, 1878.
Illinois, held on Oct. 7, 8, 9, 1879.	North Carolina held on Dec. 2, 3,

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Indiana, held on May 27-28, 1879.
 Iowa, held on June 3, 1879.
 Kansas, held on Oct. 15, 16, 17, 1879.
 Kentucky, held on Oct. 21, 1879.
 Louisiana, held Feb. 9 to 13, 1879.
 Maryland, held on May 12-14, 1879.
 " " Nov. 18, 19, 20, "
 Massach'ts, April 1 to March 10, 1878.
 Manitoba, held on June 19, 1879.
 " " Feb. 11-12, 1880.
 Michigan, held on Jan. 27-28, 1880.
 Mississippi, held on Feb. 4, 1880.
 Missouri, held on Oct. 4, 1879.
 Yellow fever epidemic, report from
 Mississippi, Jan. 10, 1879.
 Minnesota, Jan. 13-14, 1879.
 and 4, 1879.
 Ohio, held on Oct. 21, 1879.
 Pennsylvania, held on Sept. 3, 1879.
 Prince Edwards Island, held on
 June 24, 1878.
 Rhode Island, held on May 19, 1879.
 Quebec, held on Sept. 24, 1879.
 South Carolina, held on Dec. 9
 and 10, 1879.
 Tennessee, held on Nov. 10, 1879.
 Texas, held on Dec. 11, 1879.
 Utah, held on Nov. 11-12, 1879.
 West Virginia, held on May 3, 1879.
 Washington, held on June 4, 1879.
 Wisconsin, held on Oct. 8, 1878.
 " " June 10, 1879.

Also proceedings of the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne Barieath, August, 1879,
 and the national Grand Lodge of Germany at Berlin, 1879, and proceedings
 of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Island of Cuba.

Your Committee regret that owing to the lateness of the hour at which
 they were received by us for review, we have been unable to take more than
 a cursory glance at them, insufficient to do justice to the task imposed upon us.

In order to enable your Committee to prepare a proper report of Foreign
 Correspondence, we would respectfully recommend, that on receipt of any
 proceedings from abroad, the Chairman of your Committee do receive on
 arrival a copy to review the same, as it is perfectly impossible to master
 the subject in a month or less.

We may say in conclusion, as far as we have been able to peruse the re-
 ports submitted to us, that Masonry seems to flourish despite the bad times
 that have prevailed, Masons have not wearied in well-doing, which perhaps
 has never been exemplified in a nobler manner than by the Masons in Missis-
 sippi during the fever epidemic.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, }
 THOS. TROUNCE, } Committee on
 W. T. LIVOCK, } Foreign Correspondence.

Letters from the V.:W.: Grand Chaplain, dated 19th
 inst., to the M.:W.: Grand Master, and V.:W.: Grand
 Secretary explaining his absence were read, and on motion
 received and filed.

A communication from Union Lodge, No. 9, New West-

minster, enclosing copy of resolutions in reference to the withdrawal of said Lodge from the Benevolent Fund on 1st December, 1879, was read, and after brief comment was received and filed.

Letters from the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Hon. Secretaries of the "Duchess of Marlborough's Relief Fund," dated 5th and 9th April, 1880, were read, in which the sum of £20 donated by the Brethren of this Province towards the relief of the sufferers from the effects of famine in Ireland is acknowledged in appropriate terms. The same were ordered to be received and filed.

LETTERS FROM IRELAND.

DUBLIN, 8th April, 1880.

I beg to acknowledge with thanks from the Earl of Bandon (subscription from some members of Masonic Lodges in British Columbia) the receipt of twenty pounds which has been placed to the credit of "The Duchess of Marlborough's Relief Fund."

J. C. MEREDITH, G. L. G. S.,

Hon. Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Ireland.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Freemason's Hall, Dublin, 5th April, 1880.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—I have been requested by the R. W. the Right Hon. the Earl of Bandon to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 28th February, enclosing the First of Exchange for £20, being a subscription from some of the Masonic Lodges in British Columbia in aid of the sufferers from famine in Ireland.

The amount has been handed over to the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund, that being the one to which the Masonic donations have been given. I have asked the Secretary of the Fund to acknowledge the amount direct to you.

I have the honor to be,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

SAML. B. OLDHAM,

Deputy Grand Secretary.

Edgar C. Baker,
Victoria, B. C.

DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN IRELAND
Committee Rooms, The Castle, 9th April, 1880.

TO V. W. BRO. E. CROW BAKER, GRAND SECRETARY:

V. W. BROTHER:—I have the honor to inform you that the R. W. the Earl of Bandon the Grand Secretary of our Order in Ireland, having re-

ceived your fraternal communication of the 20th February, enclosing Bill of Exchange for £20 in aid of the sufferers from the famine in Ireland, and having noted specially your wish that the money should be applied so as to be productive of the greatest good, has thought that the best way in which he could carry out your charitable desires would be by placing your contribution in the hands of the Committee of Irish ladies formed and presided over by the Duchess of Marlborough, which he has accordingly done; and I am now directed by Her Grace to convey to you, and through you to the various contributors, the warmest thanks of Her Grace and the members of this Committee for the money so kindly forwarded.

It has afforded myself, individually, as one of the hon. Secretaries of Her Grace's Fund, the utmost pleasure to find that my Brethren all over the world have, true to the principles of our order, nobly come forward to relieve the great distress which exists at present in Ireland. I am thankful to say that the relief which has been afforded from various sources has averted any danger of deaths from starvation, but much yet remains to be done in order to alleviate the terrible sufferings of our people.

I have the honor to remain, with assurances of most fraternal esteem,

Yours faithfully,

JAMES A. MEREDITH,

Grand Lodge of Ireland.

[Grand Inner Guard.

The whole of the correspondence in reference to the Grand Lodges of Colon and Cuba was laid on the table. The Grand Secretary read the official communication dated Havana, 28th Feb., 1880, informing this Grand Lodge of the happy termination of the long existing difficulties between those two Grand Bodies, and of the formation of the "United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba." On motion the same was received and filed.

The quarterly proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dated 7th August, 1879, were produced, and that part referring to the recognition of this Grand Lodge, in the words following, was read, viz.: "That Grand Committee recommend recognition of the independence of the Grand Lodge in British Columbia, but without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland over any Lodge who may now or hereafter choose to adhere to her in that colony of the British Crown." On motion said communication was received and filed.

The whole of the correspondence and printed matter in reference to the recognition of the independence of the Grand Lodge in New South Wales was laid on table. The Grand Secretary read a copy of his letter dated 29th September, 1879, as also reply to the same, dated Sydney, 3rd December, 1879, from R.W. Bro. Nicholas Weekes, Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, and also informed Grand Lodge that the Board of General Purposes acting on behalf of Grand Lodge had extended official recognition. On motion said matter was received and filed, and the action of the Board fully and cordially endorsed.

Grand Lodge was then called to refreshment for half an hour.

On being called from refreshment to labor again, the M.W. Grand Master announced from the Throne that the next business before Grand Lodge was the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and forthwith appointed the following Brethren as Scrutineers, viz.:

R.W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne, P.S.G.W.

W. Bro. Robert B. Kelly, G.S.B.

Bro. P. Glendenning, Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the performance of that important duty, by ballot, with the following result:—

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Sr., of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously re-elected M.W. Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Coote M. Chambers, of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2, was unanimously re-elected R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Henry Brown, of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was unanimously re-elected R.W. Grand Senior Warden.

R.W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., of Vancouver and Quadra

Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously re-elected R. W. Grand Junior Warden.

V. W. Bro. Rev. H. Herbert Mogg, of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was unanimously re-elected V. W. Grand Chaplain.

V. W. Bro. M. W. Waitt, of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously re-elected V. W. Grand Treasurer.

V. W. Bro. E. Crow Baker, of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was unanimously re-elected V. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. William Francis O'Connor, of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously re-elected Grand Tyler.

R. W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., (Grand Junior Warden) then read his report in reference to his official visitation of Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, in conjunction with R. W. Bro. Jonathan Nutt, P. S. G. W. of Barkerville, Cariboo, on behalf of Grand Lodge. On motion the following report was received and filed:

VICTORIA, B. C., 19th June, 1880.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER AND R. W. THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:—I have to report that pursuant to instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master in conjunction with R. W. Bro. Jonathan Nutt, in July last I paid an official visitation to Cariboo Lodge, No. 4. That Lodge is in an efficient working condition, due of course, to the exertions of the energetic members who compose it. In fact, when one is acquainted with the locality where it is situated, and the history of Cariboo and Cariboo Lodge, one is struck with admiration of those who founded, sustained and carried on the work of Masonry there. It shows that as Masons they were, and are, second to none. I had the pleasure of seeing the work exemplified by Bro. Lindsay and the members of the Lodge, and it was well done. I had frequent conversations with Bro. P. M. Nutt, as to the affairs of the Lodge, and found them satisfactory. Bro. Nutt, I may however state, still mourns the days of departed greatness, but is still hopeful for the future. His hope is, I believe, well founded; and I trust will be gratified, for with the improvement of the affairs in whatever place Masonry

is planted it flourishes proportionately, and there is good reason to believe that Cariboo will improve. The Brethren were hospitality personified, and to them I return my sincere thanks for the very kind and fraternal greeting I received.

I am, M.^c.W.^c. Sir and Brethren,

Yours fraternally,

ELI HARRISON, JR.,

J.^c.G.^c.W.^c.

The election of members to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing Masonic year was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

W.^c. Bro. Thomas Trounce, Victoria Columbia Lodge No. 1

“ Thomas Shotbolt, “ “

“ Wm. T. Livock, “ “

V.^c.W.^c. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, Vancouver Quadra, No. 2

“ Robert Beaven, “ “

“ Peter Oasterhout, “ “

At 10:40 P.M., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Monday, 21st June, 1880, at 7:30 P.M.

IN GRAND LODGE—EVENING SESSION.

7:30 P.M., Monday, 21st June, 1880.

The M.^c.W.^c. Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor again at 7:30 P.M.; the M.^c.W.^c. Grand Master on the throne. Officers and members present as on Saturday, with the following exceptions:—

R.^c.W.^c. Wm. Dalby, acting as Senior Grand Deacon pro tem.

“ Cornelius Thorne, Grand Marshal, “

“ William Trickey, “ Swordbearer, “

The Grand Secretary on behalf of the Committee on Credentials informed Grand Lodge that Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, had been further augmented in representation by Bro. B. Van Volkenberg, of said Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then announced the following appointments of other Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing Masonic year:—

APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

W. Bro. Thomas Trounce,	Victoria Columbia No. 1,	S. G. Deacon.
" Wm. T. Livock,	" "	J. G. "
" John Teague,	" "	G. Sup. Works.
" Robert Beaven,	Van. Quadra, No. 2,	G. Dir. of Ceremony.
" Robert B. Kelly,	Union No. 9,	Grand Marshal.
" James Brown,	Ashlar No. 3,	Grand Sword bearer.
" William Rennie,	Cariboo No. 4,	Grand Standard bearer.
Bro. James Andrews,	Victoria Columbia, No. 1,	Grand Organist.
Bro. Alex. R. Milne,	Vancouver Quadra, No. 2,	Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. J. A. Cotterell,	Mount Hermon, No. 7,	} Grand Stewards.
" Alex. Lindsay,	Cariboo, No. 4,	
" Samuel Drake,	Ashlar, No. 3,	
" Henry Hoy,	Union, No. 9,	

Right Worshipful Bro. J. J. Southgate, P. S. G. W. presented his Credentials as the Grand Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York, was received with the Grand Honors, &c., and took his seat on the left of the Throne at the request of the Grand Master.

Very Worshipful Bro. Edgar C. Baker, Grand Secretary, presented his Credentials as the Grand Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas, was received with Grand Honors, &c., and requested to take a seat on the Dais.

The Grand Secretary then read the report of the Committee on the Annual Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, as also the report from the same Committee on the Annual Address of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, which, upon motion, were received and filed, and in effect were as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Annual Message of the M. W. Grand Master, report that they have read that excellent paper with more than ordinary satisfaction, and desire to express their appreciation of the masonic ability in the discharge of the difficult and arduous duties pertaining to his office, and also the careful observance manifested by him of the laws governing our Order.

Our harmony as a fraternity, our welfare, our growth, our rank and dignity are particularly dependent upon our Presiding Officer, the wisdom integrity and the honor of the Grand Lodge being intrusted to his keeping. The Craft in this Province are to be congratulated on having entrusted their interests to one so well qualified to guard them and whose every act, strong zeal, trust and conscientiousness we may well strive to imitate.

Your Committee regret that the short time allotted to prepare their report, prevents reference to each official act, and the proper consideration or recommendation to be shown thereon.

It is with pleasure we notice the various official visits made by the Grand Master, and it is especially gratifying to note that the work was exemplified and the courtesy shown to him was pleasurable to him and such as should ever characterize the Lodges.

The deputed official visitations in cases where the Most Worshipful Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master could not attend, is highly to be commended.

With gratification we notice the assurance of peaceful and harmonious relations with the several Grand Bodies, and that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has at last acknowledged this Grand Lodge, but that as yet there has been no interchange of Grand Representatives. We heartily agree with the Most Worshipful Grand Master's remarks that the admittance of any right reserved by that Grand Lodge of chartering Lodges in the future in this Province would be mischievous and at variance with the established principles of the Order.

We fully concur in the recommendation of Brethren to be Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge. We specially commend for your consideration his remarks upon the relief afforded during the past year, and also note the graceful tribute to those worthy Brethren whose circumstances and inclinations have made them liberal exponents of the universality of Masonic charity.

Your Committee feel that nothing can be added either in sentiment or appropriateness of language to the feeling observations to the memory of our fraternal dead, and can only offer our brotherly sympathy to the bereaved widows and orphans for their irreparable loss, remembering as Masons, that they are but transposed from earthly Lodges to that celestial Lodge where the Supreme Architect of the Universe ever presides.

The financial prosperity, notwithstanding the past year's depression, is especially encouraging, and no doubt with the increase of population, the hope of more Lodges being constituted, will be realized.

An appreciative vote of thanks is due to our worthy Bro. Trounce as President, and to the members of the Board of General Purposes for their unremitting attention to our business, and the absence of unfinished business is evidence of their assiduity.

We appreciate the recommendation as to the reduction of dues to the Grand Lodge and Fund of Benevolence, also the fitting recommendation of a vote of thanks to V. V. W. Grand Secretary for the skill and judgment which has characterized his actions during his term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, }
R. B. KELLY, } Committee.
E. C. NEUFELDER. }

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

TO THE M. V. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the R. V. W. Deputy Grand Master, find the same an interesting recital of sundry official acts.

Mount Hermon Lodge numbering few, but zealous in their endeavors to advance the plane of Masonic usefulness, have exhibited judicious taste in striving to make their Hall convenient and comfortable, and are deserving the credit bestowed upon them therefor by the R. V. W. D. G. Master.

The report refers with great enthusiasm to Union Lodge, No. 9, and their strong attachment to the principles of the Fraternity.

The various points contained in this report, we deem worthy of attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, }
R. B. KELLY, } Committee.
E. C. NEUFELDER, }

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master (elect) Coote M. Chambers, next preceeded with the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master (elect) Bro. Eli Harrison, Sr., who, having been already obligated, was invested, installed, and proclaimed in the South, West and East, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the jurisdiction of British Columbia.

The following elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge were then invested and installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master: (N.B.—Those marked * were obligated also.)

R..W..	Coote M. Chambers	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Henry Brown	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Eli Harrison, Jr.	Junior "
V..W..	Rev H. H. Mogg	Grand Chaplain.
"	M. W. Waitt	" Treasurer.
"	E. Crow Baker	" Secretary.
W..	Thos. Trounce*	" Senior Deacon.
"	W. T. Livock*	" Junior Deacon.
"	John Teague*	" Superint'dt of Works
"	Robert Beaven*	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
"	Robert B. Kelly	" Marshal.
"	James Brown	" Swordbearer.
"	William Rennie	" Standardbearer.
"	James Andrews	" Organist.
"	A. R. Milne*	" Pursuivant.
"	J. A. Cotterell	" Steward.
"	Alex. Lindsay	" "
"	Samuel Drake	" ..
"	Henry Hoy	" "
	William Francis O'Connor	" Tyler.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master having been proclaimed in the East, South and West, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in British Columbia, the Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed in the East, West and South the remainder of the Grand Lodge officers amply installed in their respective stations.

NEW BUSINESS.

"It was moved by Bro. M. W. Waitt and seconded by Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., that the Grand Secretary be instructed by this Grand Lodge to write letters to Bros. Spratt, Rudlin and Rithet, thanking them for their fraternal courtesies extended on many occasions to Brethren in indigent circumstances by reducing the fares on their steamers to some and giving free passages in cases where charity demanded them to others, and similar Masonic assistances." Motion put and carried unanimously.

"It was moved by Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., and seconded by Bro. Waitt, that the thanks of Grand Lodge be accorded

to Very Worshipful Bro. Grand Secretary for similar good offices, and for additional services rendered to the Craft." Carried nem. con.

"It was moved by Bro. Shotbolt and seconded by Bro. Dalby, that Bro. John Teague, Worshipful Master of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, be a member of the Board of General Purposes in place of Bro. Shotbolt, as in the opinion of the mover it was only right and proper that the Worshipful Master of the oldest Lodge should be a member of the Board." Motion put and carried unanimously.

"It was moved by Bro. E. C. Neufelder and seconded by Bro. C. M. Chambers, that none of the details of Masonic trials emanating from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, those of Petitions, or others, whereby the name of the accused or the offence charged, shall be published in the printed proceedings, but that the Grand Secretary shall number such cases giving name and number of Lodge and the final action of the Grand Lodge thereon." Carried.

"It was moved by Bro. A. R. Milne and seconded by Bro. Dalby, that none of the names of Brethren who may in the future receive assistance from the Fund of Benevolence be published in the printed proceedings, but that the Grand Secretary number such cases giving name and number of the Lodge of the Brother so assisted." Carried.

"It was also moved by Bro. A. R. Milne and seconded by Bro. Thomas Shotbolt, that all standing resolutions and decisions, having the force of law, since the formation of this Grand Lodge, be compiled and published at the end of the printed proceedings of this Grand Communication." Carried.

"It was moved by Bro. H. Brown and seconded by Bro. Dalby, that the proceedings of this Communication be printed under the supervision of the Board of General purposes." Carried.

"It was moved by Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., and seconded by Bro. Trounce, that all accounts be signed by the President or Vice President of the Board of General Purposes, as well as by the Grand Secretary, previous to their payment by the Grand Treasurer. Carried.

"It was moved by Bro. M. W. Waitt and seconded by Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., that the salary or remuneration of the Grand Secretary for the ensuing term be at the rate of \$150 per annum. Carried.

The subject of rent being paid by Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes for use of the room known as the "Grand Secretary's and Board Room," was discussed at some length, and finally "it was moved by Bro. Thorne and seconded by Bro. Baker, that the matter be referred to the Board of General Purposes with power to make such provision as they see fit." Carried.

The subject of recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of this Grand Lodge also engaged the attention of the Brethren for a lengthened period, and finally "it was moved by Bro. M. W. Waitt and seconded by Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., that this Grand Lodge, fully endorsing that portion of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's address referring to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Scotland, solemnly protests against the views set forth in the proceedings of that Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, at her last annual communication as being, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, entirely unmasonic and subversive of the principles of the order, and the Board of General Purposes are hereby instructed to embody the views of this Grand Lodge in a resolution to be inserted in the proceedings of this session." Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION RE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 30, 1880.

TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee who were instructed to frame the resolution in regard to the rider attached to the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, beg leave to submit the following resolution:—

That Whereas it is an established custom throughout the world, that all sovereign Grand Lodges have the sole jurisdiction within their own territory.

And Whereas the rider attached to the aforesaid resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland reserves to herself the right to issue charters for any body of Masons that might desire to obtain a charter within this jurisdiction.

Now Therefore, We, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, desire it to be distinctly understood that we do not recognize the right of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or any other Grand Lodge, to issue charters or in any way interfere within the jurisdiction of the Province of British Columbia.

All which is most fraternally submitted.

COOTE M. CHAMBERS, D.·G.·M.·.	} Committee.
H. BROWN, S.·G.·W.·.	
H. F. HEISTERMAN, P.·G.·. Sec'y.	

Adopted by the Board of General Purposes, Sept. 1st, 1880.

A communication from the Grand Orient of Hungary in re Masons in all parts of the world assisting in taking some part in the great work of "assisting women to earn their living by their own honest exertions" was read, and inasmuch as the enclosure referred to in said communication had not come to hand, consideration of said matter was deferred and the letter meantime ordered to be filed.

Several letters in grateful acknowledgment of miscellaneous Masonic relief afforded to transient Brethren and their families were read, and on motion received and filed.

The Grand Secretary laid on the table the whole of Grand Lodge correspondence, both inward and outward.

The labors of this communication being ended, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia was closed in "ample form," by the Most Worshipful Grand Master with grand honors and proclamation in the East, West and South.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

Victoria, B. C., 21st June, 1880.



RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
M.'W.' GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Thursday in each month,
at 7:30 P.M.

OFFICERS:

John Teague, W. M.	E. J. Salmon, S. D.
Wm. Trickey, S. W.	F. Davey, J. D.
John Wilson, J. W.	R. Laing, Steward.
C. C. McKenzie, Secretary.	John Bray, I. G.
H. L. Jones, Treasurer.	W. F. O'Connor, Tyler.
H. H. Mogg, Chaplain.	

PAST MASTERS:

Edgar Crow Baker,	Thomas Shotbolt.
H. Brown,	J. J. Southgate,
W. R. Clarke,	George Thomson,
Wm. Harrison, No. 2,	C. Thorne,
W. T. Livock,	Thomas Trounce,
J. F. McCreight,	J. Weiler,
H. Nathan,	F. Williams.

MASTER MASONS:

B. D. Acland,	H. H. Mogg,	H. J. Hartnell,
J. Andrews,	J. Nicholson,	D. W. Higgins
G. Bossi,	A. R. Robertson,	H. L. Jones,
R. Brodrick,	E. J. Salmon,	S. L. Kelly,
F. Culliton,	F. Stockham,	T. D. Lindsay,
F. Davey,	W. Trickey,	H. McKay,
W. Evans,	R. H. Alexander,	C. C. McKenzie.
H. G. Goward,	W. Arthur,	J. McNerney,
Thos. Hankin,	J. Bray,	U. Nelson,
W. Harrison, No. 1,	A. C. Couves,	A. Phillips,
J. T. Howard,	Thos. Cuniff,	J. J. Robinson,

MASTER MASONS—Continued.

R. Keeler,	Thos. Dodds,	H. Saunders,
R. Laing,	S. T. Franklyn,	J. Strachan,
J. Mackie,	A. A. Green,	J. Wilson.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Brunswick Secord.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Daniel Sheehan.

DIED:

J. P. Davies.

DEMITTED:

I Ragnazzoni,	H. S. Langton,	Thomas R. Mitchell.
J. H. Innes,		

SUSPENDED:

Thos. H. Pamphlet,	R. Plammer,	Thomas Preece.
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VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, No. 2.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the third Wednesday in each month, at 7:30 P.M.

OFFICERS:

R. Beaven, W. M.	I. Oppenheimer, J. D.
A. R. Milne, S. W.	E. B. C. Hamington, Steward.
D. H. Ross, J. W.	R. Heron, Steward.
Coote M. Chambers, Secretary.	D. R. Harris, I. G.
J. F. Becker, Treasurer.	W. F. O'Connor, Tyler.
E. C. Neufelder, S. D.	

PAST MASTERS:

R. H. Adams, (hon.)	Eli Harrison,
H. B. W. Aikman,	Eli Harrison, Jr.,
C. M. Chambers,	R. B. McMicking,
Simeon Duck,	P. Oasterhout,
William Dalby,	M. W. Waitt,
J. A. Graham,	W. B. Wilson.
H. F. Heisterman,	

MASTER MASONS:

C. Astrico,
E. Brown,
F. J. Barnard,
J. Batchelor,
J. Bryden,
F. Campbell,
H. M. Cohen,
G. J. Clark,
J. C. Callbreath,
R. Cunningham,
J. Dorman,
J. Davies,
A. Donohue,
J. S. Drummond,
T. Ennor,
W. Ettershank,
J. Finlayson,
J. Flett,
George Frye,
C. C. Fox,
A. Gilmore,
J. Goodacre,
D. Gutmann,
P. J. Hall,

Wm. Haynes,
C. F. Houghton,
G. W. Haynes,
J. Hunter,
J. Johnson,
T. Inge,
W. Jackson,
J. Kriemler,
G. Kirsop,
L. Lewis,
W. S. Louttit,
J. B. Lovell,
P. Manetta,
T. G. Moody,
J. Madden,
T. Martin,
J. A. Mara,
W. Morrison,
J. G. Mann,
J. McCully,
J. McLennan,
R. J. McDonell,
J. McLean,
A. J. McMillan,

R. McIver,
G. Montobio,
H. Murray,
G. Oppenheimer,
R. L. Purves,
Geo. Rudlin,
W. Robinson,
J. M. Rogers,
John Ramsay,
R. P. Rithet,
H. Ruckles,
P. Steele,
W. Scott,
J. Spratt, contb.
G. A. Sargison,
J. R. Smith,
J. H. Turner,
Charles Taylor,
A. W. Vowell
Robt. Wood,
R. T. Williams,
J. Williams,
H. Wharton,

FELLOW CRAFTS:

J. Willis,

S. Leiser.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

J. McArthur.

DIED:

J. G. Vinter,

F. Neufelder,

A. Astrico.

DEMITTED:

J. Jessop,

E. Stanger,

W. Marshall.

RESTORED:

J. R. Smith.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

NANAIMO, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the 2nd Saturday in each month, at 8 P.M.

OFFICERS:

E. B. McKay, W. M.	David Davis, J. D.
John Frame, S. W.	W. Stewart, P. M., D. of C.
James Abrams, J. W.	J. W. Stirtan, } Stewards.
Joshua Martell, Secretary.	James Frame, }
John Maharer, Treasurer.	Joseph Trumper, I. G.
Samuel Drake, P. M., S. D.	Robert O. Beck, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

William Stewart,	Mark Bate,	Samuel Drake.
James Brown.		

MASTER MASONS:

Alexander Mayer,	Richard Williams,	Charles Bennie,
Archibald Muir,	John Puetz,	Archibald Cowie,
John Sabiston,	A. S. Gill,	Ralph Craig,
John Dick,	Noah Buckley,	R. K. McLachlan,
George Baker,	James Stewart,	Thomas Pickins,
William McCulloch,	Robert Aitkin,	John T. Manley,
F. D. Little,	Thomas Lindsay,	James Patterson,
G. L. Bevilockway,	W. B. Cowling,	T. H. Williams,
Peter Martin,	J. McKinlay,	Robert Duun,
Joseph Webb,	Henry McGuire,	C. E. Pearse,
Davis Harris.	Caleb Colmer,	John Edwards,
James Harris,	James Tamblyn,	Charles W. Horth.
A. G. Horne,	Henry Ross,	John Bennie,
Charles N. Young,	A. C. Muir,	David Thomas,
Alexander Easson,	James Gillespie,	Alexander Grant.
J. A. Carstairs,	C. N. Westwood,	Thomas Miller,
John Neill,	W. J. Hurst,	Alfred Summerhays.
Isaac Brown,		

DIED:

Thomas Barlow,	David Frew, hon.,
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DEMITTED:

Mason B. Clark,	John Renwick, P. M.,	W. A. Horne.
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SUSPENDED:

James S. Smith.	W. M. Flewitt,	Wm. Davison,
Edward Quennell.	Joseph Rodello,	

RESTORED:

James McKinlay, May 10, on payment of dues.

CARIBOO LODGE, NO. 4.

BARKERVILLE, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Saturday in each month, at 7.30 p.m.

OFFICERS:

Alex Lindsay, W. M.
H. McDermott, S. W.
W. Rennie, J. W.
J. St. Laurent, Secretary.

A. Pendola, Treasurer,
C. Hayeman, S. D.
T. Thormahlen, J. D.
W. Budd, I. G.
C. Paulsen, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

J. Nutt,

J. S. Thompson,

W. Stephenson.

MASTER MASONS:

J. Reid,
T. Harding,
J. Goodson,
J. Gerald,
B. Van Volkenburg,
E. Pearson,

R. Deighton,
J. Williams,
W. Tucker,
J. Stone,
W. Ercole,
W. A. Johnston,

G. Vellatti,
J. C. McMillan,
J. Van Volkenburg,
A. McKenzie,
M. Wolf,
P. Glendenning.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Walter Trounce.

DEMITTED:

S. A. Rogers,

C. Fox,

D. McNaughton.

SUSPENDED:

J. Bruce,
A. E. B. Davie,

A. Hoffman,
G. Byrnes.

W. Hosford.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

BURRARD INLET, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on Saturday nearest Full Moon, at 8 p.m.

OFFICERS:

John Austin Cottrell, W. M.
Sherwin Procter, S. W.
John Buie, J. W.
John McDonald, Secretary.
James Van Bramer, Treasurer.

David Glasgow, S. D.
Patrick Andrew Allen, J. D.
Walter Erwin, I. G.
Ben. Hervey Wilson, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

J. Charles Hughes,
John McDonald,

P. Wheeler Swett,

John Austin Cottrell.

MASTER MASONS:

George Black,
A. Carmichael Fraser,
J. King Lockhart,

Robert Millman,
Alexander Merrifield,
Benjamin Springer,

Henry Smith,
W. Wymond Walkem.

DIED:

George William Cole, Sept. 26, 1879.

UNION LODGE, No. 9.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the first Monday in each Month, at 8 p.m.

OFFICERS:

Henry Hoy, W. M.
John Allison, S. W.
William Howay, J. W.
Andrew Haslam, Secretary,
John Hendry, Treasurer,
G. E. Magee, S. D.

Lewis P. Cowie, J. D.
Alfred Smithers, } Stewards.
Thomas Sirrs, }
Thomas McNeily, I. G.
Isaac Lehman, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

R. B. Kelly,
J. Murray.

James Speirs.

MASTER MASONS:

John Barnes,
John M. Cowie,
William Dodd,
Ben. Douglas,
Robert Dickinson,
C. Deleval,
T. W. Gray,
William Howe,

John Irving,
James G. Jacques,
Chris. Lee,
James Miller,
William Morseby,
A. H. McBride,
T. R. McInnes,

Reginald Nuttall,
David Oppenheimer,
Daniel Ross,
Russel Smithers,
W. McGregor Smith,
John T. Scott,
Stephen Tingley.

DIED:

Charles Moorehouse,

J. A. Withrow, (sojourning Bro.)

DEMITTED:

Charles D. Knight.
E. Brown,

J. S. Clute,
R. Dickinson,

V. B. Tait.

RESTORED:

James G. Jacques,

J. T. Scott,

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